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DEMOCRATS JUBILANT OVER THE NEW YORK ELECTION

Many Congressmen Believe it is the Beginning of a New Epoch.

DISTINCT REPUTATION OF THE PAYNE-ALDRICH TARIFF LAW AND THE ADMINISTRATION—REPRESENTATIVE MORRIS, REPUBLICAN INSURGENT LEADER, SAYS IT IS SIMPLY AN UPRISING OF THE PEOPLE AGAINST MACHINE RULE AND SIMILAR RESULTS WILL ENSUE ELSEWHERE.

By Associated Press.
Washington, April 20.—Not since the present congress began have the Democratic members been in such a jubilant mood as they were today over the result of the New York election. The Republican leaders declined to attach any particular significance to the defeat.

"It was just a skirmish. It doesn't mean anything," said Representative Boutwell, of Illinois. Among the "insurgent" Republicans there was a greater variety of views.

Representative Francis Harrison (Democrat), of New York, believed that the election marked the overthrow of a regime wide in extent. "It is the beginning of a new epoch," he said. "I don't believe that a single Republican congressman from New York is safe from defeat under the conditions we have there. The retirement of Senators Aldrich and Hale and the result of the elections in Massachusetts and New York means the passing of an old order and the establishment of a new and better one. It is the dawning of a better day."

Representative Oscar Underwood, the Democrat "whip," declared that "it was a distinct repudiation of the Payne-Aldrich tariff law and the administration."

Representative Ollie James said the Democrats would have a majority in the next congress.

Representative Lawrence of Massachusetts, a Republican member of the new rules committee, said:

"It is not up to the Massachusetts members to explain New York."

UPRISING OF PEOPLE.

Representative Norris, of Nebraska, one of the "insurgent" leaders, remarked: "It is simply an uprising of the people against machine rule, and means that the people will stand for it no longer. It is a local matter in New York, but similar conditions prevail throughout the country and similar results will ensue."

"What does it mean to this house?" Mr. Norris was asked.

"It means that the members, who are here because of machine politics, both Republicans and Democrats, should be able to see the end they are coming to. They won't be here much longer."

Representative Hamilton Fish, of New York (Insurgent), thought Aldrich's defeat in Rochester was largely due to the candidate's personality. "Communism was also an issue," he said. "Aldrich was asked whether he stood for Cannon or not and he declined to answer. The people answered for him."

In the senate, Mr. Gallinger, of New Hampshire, while discussing the possible political proclivities of the agents whom it was proposed to designate to get food cost statistics contended that as many of them would be Democrats as Republicans, and added "if you had gone to the printing office even before the election yesterday, I think you would have found that a majority of the employees were Democrats."

The observation caused a general laugh.

TO INCREASE CAPITAL.

Philadelphia, April 20.—At a meeting of the board of directors of the Lehigh Valley Railroad Company here today a resolution was adopted recommending to the stockholders that the capital be increased from \$40,334,000 to \$50,000,000. A meeting of the stockholders has been called for June 22 to act on this resolution.

T. Taggart Announces He Will Be Candidate for U. S. Senate

By Associated Press.
Indianapolis, Ind., April 20.—Thos. Taggart, former chairman of the National Democratic National Committee, formally announced today that he will be a candidate before the general assembly next year to succeed Albert J. Beveridge in the United States senate.

Democrats Make Merry in the House of Representative

By Associated Press.
Washington, April 20.—With mock seriousness Representative Rucker, of Missouri, a Democrat, arose to a parliamentary inquiry soon after the house convened today.

"Has the house yet heard that the thirty-second district of New York had an election yesterday?" he asked.

The Democrats applauded.

Speaker Cannon, with equal gravity, replied: "Answering the parliamentary inquiry, the chair observes that one side of the house and the gentleman from Missouri seem to be enthusiastic."

Then raising his voice he added: "He laughs best who laughs last."

At this salient Republicans and Democrats laughed together.

Stormy Scenes in the Hyde Murder Trial

By Associated Press.
Kansas City, April 20.—During a stormy court room scene, in which lawyers handled charges of unfair play among themselves, the bond of Dr. Hyde was almost revoked, and the defense threatened upon certain conditions to impeach the state witnesses in the Hyde murder trial this afternoon.

The trouble arose over an attorney for the state losing the grand jury notes, which were found by a woman and turned over to Hyde's lawyers.

The court ordered the notes returned to the state and gave the defense carbon copies of them.

Pearl Keller, Col. Swope's nurse, testified today regarding the conditions of the death chamber following Hyde's alleged giving Swope a capsule, after which he went into convulsions and died.

COTTON FIRM GOES UNDER.

Knight, Yancey & Co., one of the largest spot cotton firms in the south, go into bankruptcy.

By Associated Press.
Birmingham, Ala., April 20.—A special from Decatur, Ala., says the firm of Knight, Yancey & Co. have just filed a voluntary petition in bankruptcy. The assets and liabilities are unknown, but both are said to be very large.

This is one of the largest spot cotton firms in the South with branches in many Southern cities. The firm had its principal offices in Decatur, Ala., and on account of the failure the business interests of the place are in a very much unsettled state today.

TO WITHDRAW PUBLIC LANDS

BILL AUTHORIZING THE PRESIDENT TO DO SO FOR CONSERVATION PURPOSES PASSES THE HOUSE.

By Associated Press.
Washington, April 20.—The bill authorizing the president to make withdrawals of public lands for conservation purposes was passed by the house today.

The entire session was devoted to consideration of the bill.

The administration railroad bill and a resolution authorizing the expenditure of sixty-five thousand dollars for the extension of the senate's inquiry into the cost of living occupied the attention of the senate today, but no action was taken on either.

BACHELOR'S DOUBLE WINS THE SUBURBAN HANDICAP.

By Associated Press.
Epsom, Eng., April 20.—The city and suburban handicap of 100 sovereigns, about a mile and a quarter, was won by Bachelor's Double. Mustapha, ridden by Danny Maher, the American jockey, was second, and Dean Swift third. There were fourteen starters.

King Edward's derby winner, Minerva, was a warm favorite in the betting, but was unable to get a place. No American stables were represented.

CHIEF OF ENGINEERS.

Washington, April 20.—Col. William H. Bixby, the senior colonel of the corps of engineers stationed at St. Louis, as president of the Mississippi river commission, will be appointed chief of engineers to succeed Brigadier General William L. Marshall, who retires in June.

HEARST IS NOW A REPUBLICAN

By Associated Press.
Birmingham, April 20.—About forty men are entombed in the Mulga mine of the Birmingham Coal and Iron Co., as a result of an explosion in the mine at 3 o'clock tonight and their fate is unknown.

The explosion was of such force that the cages in the mouth of the shaft were rendered useless. The shaft is now on fire and air is being pumped into the mine. The cause of the explosion is unknown. The Mulga is located about six miles southwest of Ensley.

MAN OF MANY POLITICAL FAITHS ISSUES A STATEMENT UNQUALIFIEDLY ENDORSING PRESIDENT TAFT.

By Associated Press.
Washington, April 20.—William Randolph Hearst issued tonight a statement in which he unqualifiedly endorsed President Taft.

He also criticizes in the severest terms the administration of Roosevelt and warns the people against a renewal of the political domination of the former president.

At this salient Republicans and Democrats laughed together.

ATTY GEN. VICTIM OF PLOT TO DEPRESS PRICE OF COTTON

Congressman Smith Talks on Indictment of N. Y. Cotton Speculators.

NEW YORK DOES NOT FAVOR INCOME TAX.
By Associated Press.
Albany, N. Y., April 20.—A concurrent resolution committing the state in favor of the proposed income tax amendment to the federal constitution was defeated in the assembly today by the vote of 74 to 66.

HOFFSTOT IS UNDER ARREST

PRESIDENT OF PRESSED STEEL CAR CO. SECURES HIS RELEASE, HOWEVER, ON WRIT OF HABEAS CORPUS.

By Associated Press.
New York, April 20.—President F. N. Hoffstot, of the Pressed Steel Car Co., was arrested here today on a warrant issued in Pittsburgh charging bribery.

A writ of habeas corpus was taken out before United States Judge Holt and the hearing adjourned until Friday. He was released on ten thousand dollar bond.

By Associated Press.
Washington, April 20.—The election of ten vice-presidents general and one honorary vice-president general enlivened the congress of the National Society of the Daughters of the Revolution today.

The polls did not close until 9 o'clock tonight and the result is not known. Miss Anna G. Bonning, of Georgia, was one of the nominees for vice-president general.

TRYING MRS. ARMSTRONG.
Jeffersonville, Ind., April 20.—Mrs. Pearl Armstrong was arranged in the circuit court today on the charge of murdering her husband by the use of poison, strichnine and rough on rats. More than 150 witnesses have been summoned in the case.

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SOME OF THE UNITED STATES SENATORS WHO ARE CANDIDATES FOR RE-ELECTION



By Associated Press.
Washington, April 20.—There are thirty-one senators who want to return to Washington, and they are busy laying fences to see that their wish is satisfied. The various state legislatures are actively engaged in lining up for either the old senators or new rivals for senatorial honors. In but a few incidents keen contests are being carried on, and a number of old senators are due to be sidetracked. The following senators' terms expire March 11 next. In the meantime they are devoting their time to lining up enough votes in their respective states to assure a return ticket to Washington: Senators Aldrich, Beveridge, Burkett, Burrows, Carter, Clapp, Clark, Culberson, Daniel, Depew, Dick, Du Pont, Flint, Frazier, Hale, Keen, La Follette, Lodge, McCumber, Money, Nixon, Oliver, Page, Piles, Rayner, Scott, Sutherland, Tamm, Tamm, Warner and Purcell. In the case of Senators Daniel and Rayner, the legislators have passed on their cases, and they are due to go back to the senate. John Sharp Williams will take the place of Senator Money, while Senator Purcell of North Dakota will hold his seat through appointment by the governor until the legislature either selects him for a full term or selects another man for the post of honor.

GENERAL SAMUEL G. FRENCH EXPIRES AT HIS SON'S HOME

Four Shot in Riot of Policemen and Strikers

By Associated Press.
Pittsburg, April 20.—Four men were shot tonight in a riot between the police and strikers of the Pressed Steel Car Company at Schoenerville. The fight started when a crowd of a hundred strikers congregated and were ordered to move on by a policeman.

The crowd flocked around the policeman and shot him. Lying on the ground he opened fire and strikers began to fall. Other policemen and strikers joined in and the battle raged for fifteen minutes. Others were wounded of the strikers, one of whom was arrested, while the rest were carried away by friends.

SERBIA IS IN GRIP OF FLOOD

TORRENTIAL RAINS RESULT IN TWELVE DEATHS, VILLAGES ARE INUNDATED AND PROPER DAMAGE IS ENORMOUS.

By Associated Press.
Belgrade, Serbia, April 20.—Serbia is in the grip of floods as the result of torrential rains the last few days.

At Kragjevat twelve deaths have occurred, while the property damage is enormous. Several villages are inundated and it is feared a large number of persons have been drowned.

PRESIDENTIAL NOMINATION.
Washington, April 20.—President Taft today sent to the senate the following nomination: To be secretary of Porto Rico, M. Drew Carrell, of Illinois.

The Odd Fellows will be absent for several days yet, the Pensacola delegation not being expected home for a couple of days yet at the longest. The sessions are being held at Plant City.

MARK TWAIN MUCH WEAKER

IT HAS BECOME MORE MARKED IN THE LAST TWELVE HOURS AND HE DOES NOT RESPOND TO TREATMENT.

By Associated Press.
Redding, Conn., April 20.—The condition of Samuel L. Clemens (Mark Twain), this afternoon is much weaker than it was twenty-four hours ago. According to the attending physicians the weakness has become marked in the last twelve hours and Clemens does not respond to treatment as he did before that.

LIGHT HOUSE BILL AGREED ON

PLACES AT WHICH AIDS TO NAVIGATION ARE AGREED UPON ARE ANNOUNCED—THREE ITEMS FOR FLORIDA.

By Associated Press.
Washington, April 20.—Places at which aids to navigation are provided for in the one million, one hundred thousand dollar omnibus lighthouse bill as agreed on by the house interstate commerce committee were announced today.

Among the items of interest to the south are: Lights on Dan's, creek and Green Lake, Fla.; a range light in Savannah river, Georgia, to cost forty-five hundred dollars, and a light vessel in St. John's river, Fla., to cost one hundred and thirty thousand dollars.

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Murder Trial of Albert Wolter Enters Most Important Stage

By Associated Press.
New York, April 20.—With the resumption today of the trial of Albert Wolter, for the murder of Ruth Wheeler, the case enters upon a most important stage from the view point of the prosecution.

Bonnie Fisher, the sales girl, who on the day the crime was committed is alleged to have sold to Wolter a can of paint, which the state seeks to show was used to obliterate tracks of incineration from the fire-place in which Ruth Wheeler's body was burned, positively identified Wolter as the person to whom she sold the paint.

Police Captain Edward P. Hughes identified a memorandum book containing the entry "Ruth Ames Wheeler, aged 15, American, lives with parents" as found among Wolter's possessions.

Adelaide Wheeler, Ruth's sister, identified one by one various articles of clothing and jewelry which the prosecution produced as evidence, as having been worn by her sister the day the latter disappeared. The witness wept as she told the story of her sister's departure from home in search for work, but only to meet death.

An Aged Confederate Soldier Dies on Eve of Another Reunion of Veterans.

SUCCESSFUL CAREER OF A VETERAN OF TWO WARS TERMINATES, OLD AGE BEING IMMEDIATE CAUSE OF DEATH—BRILLIANT RECORD OF GENTLEMAN WHO HAD HUNDREDS OF CLOSE FRIENDS HERE.

Saddening was the message the wire brought from Florida, Ala., early yesterday forenoon when the news was received that the soul of the distinguished Samuel Gibbs French had been claimed by his Maker. The distinguished Confederate soldier died at the home of his son at Florida, Ala., yesterday morning at 8:45 o'clock, at the ripe old age of nearly 92 years. He was born in Gloucester county, N. J., on November 23, 1818.

The remains will be brought to Pensacola on train No. 4 at 11:05 o'clock this morning, and the body will be conveyed to St. John's cemetery, where the funeral services will be held. Immediately thereafter the cortege will move to St. John's cemetery, where the interment will take place.

Confederate veterans, survivors of the last thinning membership of Camp Ward No. 10, will assemble at the depot and form an escort for the body to the church, the distance of two blocks. The pallbearers will be: Messrs. W. L. Wittica, R. J. Brent, Capt. Dixon B. Reed, W. K. Hyer, Jr., Geoffrey Lamar and R. M. Bushnell.

HIS LIFE HISTORY.

Gen. French's life was one of brilliance. His history is one of interesting story of interest. Born in Gloucester county, N. J., in November, 1818, he traces his descent through a long line of distinguished ancestry. Of him it may be written that he was the oldest survivor of the graduates of West Point, and the oldest major-general of the Confederacy.

His father was Samuel French, and the founder of the family in this country was Thomas French, a descendant of one of the oldest and most honorable, as a writer records of English families. He came to this country in 1860 with a wife and nine children and landed at Burlington, in west New Jersey. He was one of the land proprietors of western New Jersey and became the progenitor of an extensive connection, whose descendants have ramified through the country and numbered in their list many of the strong men of the nation.

Gen. Samuel G. French was educated mainly at the Burlington, N. J., academy, and in 1839 entered the United States military academy at West Point, in which institution he was graduated in 1843. In October of that year he joined his regiment, Third United artillery, at Fort Mifflin, N. C.

In August, 1845, he sailed from New York for Mexico, where he was assigned more with Major S. Ringgold's battery of horse artillery for Aransas Pass, Tex., to join the army of occupation under Gen. Zachary Taylor. He was with Taylor in the battle of Palo Alto, Resaca de la Palma, and Monterey. Afterward he participated in the battle of Buena Vista, where he was dangerously wounded. On his return from Mexico in 1847 he was presented with two swords, one by the people of the state of New Jersey and another by vote of the legislature, in recognition of his gallant services. During subsequent years he was variously engaged in different kinds of military duties and expeditions in various parts of the country. In 1856 he resigned from the army and retired to his plantation at Greenville, Miss., and in 1857 he visited Europe and remained there for some time. When Mississippi seceded from the union General French was appointed lieutenant-colonel and chief of ordnance in the army of his state, and upon the organization of the Confederacy he was appointed a major of artillery in the regular army of the Confederate States. This was followed in due time by commissions as brigadier-general and major-general in the regular army. General French arrived in Richmond in November, 1861, and his first service was to command the batteries and troops at Exports, near the mouth of the Quantico, which blockaded the city of Washington. In March, 1862, he was ordered to North Carolina, where he rendered important military service at Wilmington and built Fort Fisher and the batteries

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